

### From the President



Dear Friends,

I am calling on each and every one of you to get to the polls and vote on the upcoming Bond Issue. Please look over the portion for the Library and VOTE YES! We need every member to turn to his or her family, friends, and neighbors and invite them to vote. We need every member to explain that passing this bond election is crucial to our whole community. We need for every member to be in touch with his own Council Person to find out whether Council representatives have questions about the budget or the bond issue and how we stand on them. We need to pass this information on to them directly, so that they know how firmly we stand in favor of this bond election's passage.

The next item I need to inform you of is that the District 10 Fall Meeting will be October 25, at Incarnate Word College. We are going to have a round table discussion on how to form Friends Groups and all that goes into making them work to benefit the Library System. If you have any ideas or comments, please let me know--or come join us on that Saturday. A reminder is in the Calendar.

Let's make the bond issue a major project for this fall. Make sure that everyone understands what a good thing approval of this bond election will be and that it will benefit EVERYONE!

Thank you for your help.

**Barbara C. Isner, President**  
Friends of the San Antonio  
Public Library

## Library Projects Proposed in November 4th City Election

by Margaret Lecznar

A City of San Antonio bond election called for Tuesday, November 4, 2003, will include the following San Antonio Branch Library projects:

- ♦ Brookhollow - rehabilitation and improvements - \$278,000
- ♦ Cody - parking lot expansion, facility/collections enhancements \$277,000.
- ♦ Cortez - upgrades - \$150,000
- ♦ Forest Hills - upgrades - \$230,000
- ♦ Hausman Road new branch (now under design) - site upgrades/expansion - \$1,180,000
- ♦ Johnston - upgrades - \$150,000
- ♦ McCreless - upgrades - \$100,000
- ♦ Northeast Library -Roosevelt High School - \$900,000
- ♦ Pan American - upgrades - \$150,000

Three other projects have also been included in the Libraries and Educational Improvements section of the ballot:

- ♦ \$1,000,000 allocation for Southside education facilities
- ♦ \$50,000 for an energy and environmental demonstration project at one of the branch libraries (to be designated later)
- ♦ \$500,000 for the Hertzberg Library and History Center.

Voters must either approve or disapprove the entire package. It's all or nothing.

Four other sections will appear on the City ballot:

- ♦ Streets and Pedestrian Improvements
- ♦ Drainage
- ♦ Parks
- ♦ Public Health and Safety.

Each of these sections must also be voted upon as a whole.

Voting on Thursday, November 4, 2003, will take place from 7 AM to 7 PM. Polling places will be announced later.

Early voting will be held October 20-31. Sites for early voting will include some branch libraries, to be designated later. Check listings and times when all Election Day information is published in the *Express-News*.

Many of these library projects have been on wish lists for several years. "The Mayor, City Council, and City Staff are to be commended for developing such a comprehensive and essential building program for our Library System," said Barbara Isner, President of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. "We urge all of our Friends and other friends of the Library to help build support for passage of these vital improvements included on the November 4th ballot."

Also on the ballot, November 4, are bonds proposed for Bexar County and North East Independent School District.

## Texas Library Association District 10 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 25 - 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
University of the Incarnate Word, 4301 Broadway, San Antonio  
J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library

The Texas Library Association's District 10 Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and a general session, followed by two sets of two

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Editor: Marti Nodine

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS COMING UP

Renewal notices will be sent out the first week in NOVEMBER. This is a change. We are hoping to avoid having things lost in the holiday rush. However, you can save the Friends some postage if you pick up a membership envelope on your next trip to the library, fill it out, and mail it in with your check. Be sure to include branch group information if you wish to belong to a particular group.

If you have any questions, call Ronnie Retzloff, 490-4337. Thank you.

BE A FRIEND! RENEW  
BEFORE THE HOLI-  
DAYS ROLL AROUND!

## Telephone Guide

Book Cellar .....227-9519  
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Administration ..... 207-2630  
Central Library  
Information ..... 207-2500  
Central Library Volunteer  
Office .....207-2502

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## Minutes for the July 30, 2003 FOSAPL Board Meeting

President **Barbara Isner** called the meeting, held at the Cody Branch Library, to order at 7:11 PM, Wednesday, July 30, 2003. The meeting had been postponed to this date because of a thunderstorm earlier in the month. Board Members present were **Barbara Isner, Lucile Gale, Pat Bjornson, Ronnie Retzloff, Lee La Caff, Barbara Stanush, Vera Banner, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Linda Nairn, Pat Brown, and Marti Nodine**. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Marti agreed to act as secretary in the absence of **Ned Bailey**.

Since **Don Counts** was not present to represent the Library Foundation, **Cathy Dean** asked to be recognized from the floor and rose to speak regarding the status of Library Director **Laura Isenstein**. Cathy informed the membership that Ms. Isenstein has not been fired, that she is currently on Administrative Leave and that not much more could be said because of privacy concerns. According to the *Express-News*, **Aubrey George**, one of the assistant directors, has stepped in as interim director and is doing a fine job. The Staff has been reassured that the Strategic Goals are still in place. Cathy expressed her deep distress at the recent turn of events.

### President's Report:

Barbara next mentioned the appreciation that the Institute of Texas Cultures has expressed over our staffing of the authors' booth at the Folklife Festival. Barbara said that she would get information soon on the date for next year's festival, so that Friends could sign up early.

### Treasurer's Report and Discussion Following:

**Aaron Konstam** distributed his Treasurer's Report and spoke regarding several fiscal matters. He stated that the Westfall Branch actually has \$104.00 more than the amount shown.

The discussion then turned to the reinvestment of two Guaranty CDs which matured late in July: both are for the same amount; approximately \$25,000; however, one of them represents money accrued from the Life Members account, and the other is money accrued from the Branches. The decision that faced the Board is whether these monies should be reinvested in Certificates of Deposit, bearing a fixed interest rate of 1.85, or in Money Market Funds, bearing a fluctuating interest rate of

1.98. These two investment strategies are fairly simple to digest.

A third option is investing in an interest-based mutual fund, bearing a 6.8 rate, obviously at a higher risk. Aaron stated that this mutual fund is geared mainly for people interested in living on the interest income. Aaron is not sure whether that 6.8 interest rate will be granted if we just keep the existing funds invested at the bank in question or whether we need to move the CDs, as well as some MM funds, into that fund so that it would be in excess of \$100,000. Since this is not our goal, Aaron thinks that this third option is pointless, since there are no guarantees in the stock market and our purpose should be to conserve money for the Library.

Aaron broached the question of what the Friends' purpose is in collecting these funds. We are not dealing with the investment market that we are used to. Just because certain investments have been profitable in the past, for the last fifteen years, does not mean that they will be so in the future. Again, he stressed that CDs are principally used to make money for income, and that they are not as liquid as Money Market funds, although only three checks per month can be drawn from MM funds without penalty. He suggested that the Life Membership Account be kept as a Money Market account and mentioned that he had added \$1700, at \$100 per Life Member, to that account since January. Whether he should investigate other banking institutions was broached, but Aaron and the membership concurred that it would be more complicated and time-consuming to do so. He also volunteered that he maintains three accounts: a checking account, a Money Market account for Life Members and yet another Money Market account. The question, restated, involves where we should invest the money from the recently matured Certificates of Deposit.

**Vera Banner** moved that Aaron maintain just three accounts at the bank we are currently affiliated with: (1) a Money Market account for Life Members, (2) a second Money Market account which will include monies from the Certificates, and (3) a checking account. If an excess of \$100,000 exists, Vera suggested that we should spend it on items which the Library needs but cannot afford. Marti seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

The next fiscal issue which was discussed at length involved the Summer Reading Program's budget and whether the funds that the Friends had given reflects the group's interests and values. As a point of clarification, Marti asked whether a particular budget item (i.e., Clowns) can be approved as part of an entire budget package without the assumption that the funds will be allocated for that particular item. The answer was in the affirmative. That said, the group debated whether **Mary Louise Daneri** had given the Friends sufficient information regarding the particular items and costs incurred for the last two years of the summer program.

Confusion existed about the duration of time funded by the \$34,005 given by the Friends to the Summer Reading Program as well as about the selection of activities. It was called to the group's attention that Mary Louise's budget for '02-'03 had been printed on page 5 of the June/July newsletter. Aaron said that the budget submitted was perfectly acceptable, in its form, as it was. It emerged from the discussion that it is not the form of the budget that was in question but its content.

**Consensus:** The group decided that the Friends will not allocate monies for a summer reading program unless we know specifically what they are going for. We will need to be presented with a line item budget before any money is allocated in the future. A suggestion that we go back to the "wish list" method of expenditure was negated because it is a hardship for the librarians and requires a lot of negotiating time.

## Membership:

**Ronnie Retzloff** reported that the Friends roster includes 528 individual memberships and 171 dual memberships for a total of 870 members altogether. Ronnie mentioned that we're getting returned newsletters for which we have to pay postage, and that it is difficult to keep an up-to-date roster if people fail to notify her of their leaving.

A discussion of a current Membership Directory ensued. Ronnie said that the Directory is ready to go to the printer, but asked what kind of bill we can expect. The last Directory, printed in 2001, cost \$600 to print, plus postage.

Ronnie expressed her idea that very few people really use the directions. Options: (1) print a few for those who really need them, (2) not print a new Directory at all, or (3) print one for each member as we have done historically.

Justifications, which were voiced during the discussion, for printing the Directory are: (1) the Directory is the only place where members can consult the Handbook as a guide for governance, (2) the Directory is the only tangible "perk" a member receives for his or her \$10 donation, (3) no one really knows whether the Directory is used heavily or not; it might be used more than we think, (4) the Directory serves as the only place one can look up numbers quickly, by Branches, without knowing full names or addresses.

**Consensus:** Barbara called for a motion. It was moved, seconded and voted upon affirmatively that the Friends will print and distribute one Directory for each member. The labeling system from our file at SwRI might be useful to insure that everyone due a Directory gets one.

Ronnie said that she will not serve beyond her current term and that the Friends need to look for a replacement. *[Ronnie is so dependable and efficient that we'd better start looking soon. Ed.]*

## Question from the Floor

A question from the floor involved the status of the Johnston Library. It was revealed that Johnston does not have a formal Friends group.

## Book Cellar

**Aaron Konstam** mentioned that Jim Wogstad has been out of town, so the renovation project is stalled for the time being. The project involves light construction and painted graphic design in the area where Wimpie's used to be. Additionally, new shelves are planned for the area usually considered the children's corner.

The early summer has seen fairly brisk sales with "rotating sales" proving useful as a marketing device.

### **THE BOOK CELLAR NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS.**

Technically, the City Charter charges the Book Cellar with selling the Library's used books. Books also are

donated to the Library that it doesn't want, so those books land in the Book Cellar also. However, unsold books from Branch sales are not to be given to the Book Cellar as a last resort.

Aaron stated that we need a formal arrangement, agreed to by all parties, to insure consistency in the program. Perhaps a committee can confront this issue soon.

## Library Foundation News

Later in the meeting, Cathy informed us that the Party in the Park was well received; a greater number of teen events might have caused the upsurge in attendance. The Branch parties to mark the end of the Summer Reading Program were also successful.

**Lucy Gale** reported that the Foundation is sponsoring naturalist **Jane Goodall's** lecture, September 30, at 7:00 PM, describing her conservation work in Africa. Ms. Goodall will offer her new book for sale, along with some of her other works. T-shirts and caps will be available by order to augment ticket sales for this fundraiser. A new documentary, "Wild Chimps," will be shown at the I-Max Theater (in Rivercenter Mall) as part of the program.

One of the cows from the San Antonio Cow Parade has been donated to the Central Library by the **Frost family**. This particular cow was decorated by Jefferson High School art classes and now graces the lobby at Central.

**Pat Mendiola** announced that the Mystic Park Branch, to be built between Bandera Rd. and Guilbeau will be named the **Maury Maverick, Jr. Library**. Plans are also in the works for the last Branch from this current initiative to be built in the UTSA area.

## Poster Sales

**Linda Nairn** suggests selling posters half price to teachers, and that they might be marketed to Reading Specialists.

By voice vote, the Board decided to table the Poster Issue until the next meeting.

## Arts and Letters Awards

**Robert LeCaff**, chair of the Arts and Letters Committee, reported that the first meeting will be held in early August, and that five or six notable nom-



inations have been made already. He solicited more nominations by our membership. Late in November or in early December, the process will become a "very viable activity"; but the group is now in the "information gathering" phase.

Robert suggested that a milk bucket be placed underneath the Library's cow for contributions!

### Upcoming Vote on Bond Issues

**Margaret Lecznar** rose to represent Cody Branch's concern, as well as general concern, over the upcoming bond election. It is crucial that we get out the vote for those measures. Margaret was heartened by the request made by **Art Hall**, the newly elected Councilperson for District 8), to hold his first neighborhood meeting at Cody, August 7. He will put library needs on the ballot in the form of bond issuance. The request must go through the Council office and the Staff for approval, since the first file of paperwork was lost. [!!!! Ed.]

### LIFTA - Library Friends Trustees and Advocates

This is a group that works for freedom of information disseminated through libraries and also focuses on privacy and censorship issues.

Next March, the week of March 18, San Antonio will host the next TLA convention, and LIFTA will meet here concurrently. Several members of FOSAPL are leaders in this group: Secretary/Treasurer is **Beth Crabbe**, Chair Elect is **Barbara Isner**, and the Newsletter Chair is **Cathy Dean**.

This convention will be very important as it will examine communication issues of major consequence to our society.

### Barbara to Eat Out on Us

Barbara requested that the Friends fund her dinner ticket to the **Sandra Cisneros Fundraiser**. The voice vote was overwhelmingly in favor.

After that final vote, the meeting was adjourned.

**Will Somebody please  
volunteer to be Secretary?**

## BRANCH LEAVES

(News from Support Groups)



### Book Cellar

The Book Cellar's clearance sale in September and October is on books in the Dewey Decimal 600 classification. This is a wide-ranging category that includes health, fitness, cars and aircraft, gardening, pets, cookbooks, home management, parenting and business. The price will be three-for \$1, except on premium books.

Book Cellar volunteers always get discontinued prices, so if you would like to donate some time in exchange for that benefit, please call store manager **Karen Atkinson** at 227-9519.

### Westfall

The FOSAPL Board meeting will be held September 17, at 7:00 PM at the Westfall Branch Library and the Westfall Friends will host the event, welcoming the Board members and providing refreshments.

The Westfall Teen Friends are having a car wash on Saturday, September 13, at the library to earn money to fund their activities. One of these activities will be a POETRY SLAM to celebrate "Teen Read Week," October 19-26. Call Westfall Branch in October to find out the exact date and time.

Saturday, November 8, 2003, is the date of the next Westfall Used Book Sale.

The Friends bid a sad farewell to **Will Stein**, librarian at Westfall, who is moving to Virginia to work with the Washington County Library System. Will was a tremendous help to us with our book sales, and he will be greatly missed.

*Bettie Ward, President*

**?Vote Early and Vote Often?**

### Writer Friends

The bad news is that The Writer Friends has lost a wonderful Board member, who has been with us from our very first meeting seven years ago. **Wendy Friedman**, our Central Library liaison, has been transferred to Oakwell Library to be their Branch Manager. The good news is that Wendy will remain a member of the Writer Friends and that her replacement has joined us with lots of knowledge and enthusiasm. We are delighted to have **Frederick Grimm**, a long-time children's librarian at Central, as our new liaison. He is the author of "San Pedro Springs: A Scrapbook."

### JOIN US FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO A "NEW" WRITER IN TOWN

Be on hand Tuesday, September 8, for **Kathleen Klein LeStrange**, the new Director of the Creative Writing Program at the Northeast School of the Arts, and winner of the 1996 and 1998 Writers Guild Award for Best Daytime Serial Writing and four Emmys. Her television career included "All My Children" and "Another World." Today she is writing screen plays, teaching and lecturing and will share her world and experiences as a writer and teacher with us. All Friends and their friends are invited.

### COME TO THE WRITERS' FAIR IN NOVEMBER

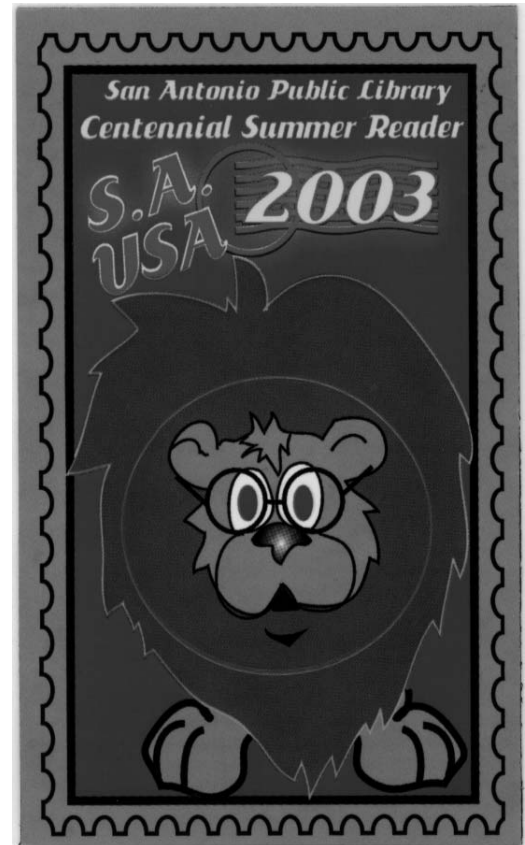
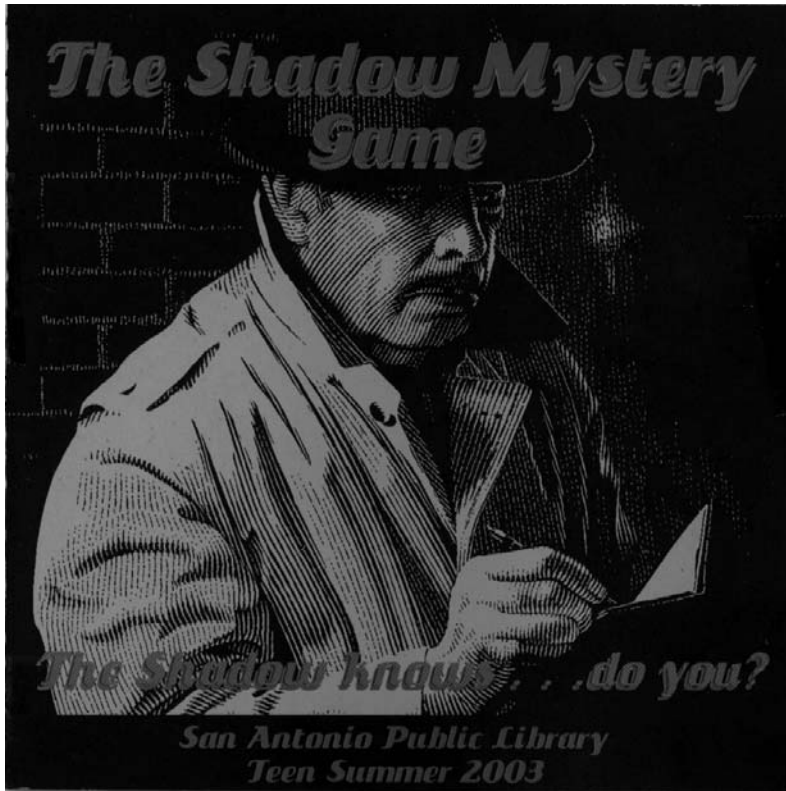
The Writer Friends Board has finalized plans for the Writers' Fair to be held on Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM in the Central Library Auditorium. Local writers, publishers and writers' organizations will have an opportunity to sell their books (without having to deduct a percentage) and distribute information about their books, company or organization.

One does not have to be a Writer Friend to participate. Information and application forms will be mailed to Writer Friends and will also be available at the main desk at our libraries for illustrators at this particular event because of space limitations. However, we invite

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# Summer

at the  
**Antonio Public Library**



Thanks to program sponsors like the **Friends**, the Library's 2003 Summer Reading Program was an outstanding success with more than 24,000 children and teenagers participating.

**Don Counts**, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, expressed satisfaction at the successful enrollment: "It's important to get children to start reading early in life, especially in San Antonio, which has a high illiteracy rate. The Library's Summer Reading Program is designed to show kids that reading is both fun and rewarding, not just something they do for nine months in school."

To the side are the logos for the **Friends** as well as the corporate and utility sponsors which have made this Summer Reading Program such a rousing success.

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## June and July 2003



# 100th Birthday Celebration

To celebrate the SAPL's 100th Birthday, the **Library Foundation** has gone to extraordinary measures to give our city joyful, exuberant experiences: viewing a site-specific **Dale Chihuly** sculpture of lasting beauty, located in the light well at the Central Library's core (Get our your Crayolas, since this magnificent work should be reproduced in color, or you can view it on the web); welcoming our very youngest readers-to-be with bags of "goodies," all of which

express hope for their literacy and success; attending Branch Birthday Parties, complete with cake, in libraries decorated with art projects developed by **Susie Monday**.



## Note from the Editor

Dear Friends,

The Newsletter Committee members and I hope that you like the new masthead. Designed by **Lyn Belisle**, the name "SAPLings" was selected to reflect our relationship to the city library system and to cohere with the existing metaphors, Branches and Leaves. Let us know whether you like it or not. . . or whether you think you can live with it.

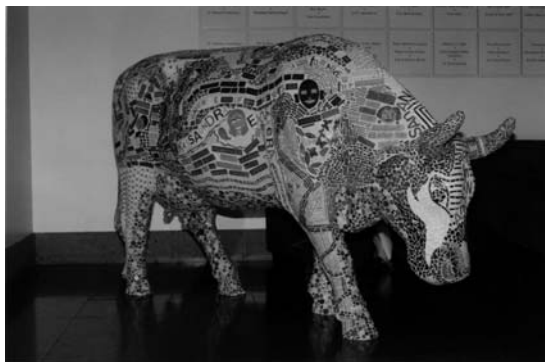
For some time, **Alana Woods** and I have been trying to design each issue so that a "business wrap" including various reports from the Friends Board, surrounds a "features section," of special articles on timely subjects. For example, since the Board is meeting this month at Westfall, I thought it might be interesting to know about the history of that branch. **Bettie Ward** came through, on a very short deadline, with information more fascinating than I ever could have hoped. The **Photo Archives of the Institute of Texan Cultures** was also helpful in providing an image of **Edward Dixon Westfall** himself—friend of "**Bigfoot**" **Wallace**, a Texas Ranger and a lover of books.

This issue also boasts the first installment of "**Marginalia**," a column by eminent scholar, **John Igo**. Igo has collected a number of literary tidbits which I think will amaze and amuse you. I hope this will be a regular column in our publication.

*Have a good read. Hasta!*  
**Marti Nodine, Editor**

Committee Members:

- ♦ Cathy Dean, ex-officio
- ♦ Lyn Belisle
- ♦ Alana Woods
- ♦ Jim and Kay Wogstad
- ♦ Keith and Rowena Rodgers



One of the cows of the Cow Parade has been donated to the Central Library by the Frost family. This particular cow was decorated by Jefferson High School art classes, and it now graces the lobby at Central Library.

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## Edward Dixon Westfall: A Legendary Texian Who Had a Love for Books

When he died in 1897, **Edward Dixon Westfall**, a former Indian fighter, soldier and Texas Ranger, left his entire estate for the creation of a free public library in San Antonio.

**Andrew Carnegie** beat him to it. San Antonio's Carnegie Library, one of more than 2,500 libraries funded by the Scottish-born philanthropist, opened in 1903.

Westfall's legacy had a catch that delayed his own gift to the city: it couldn't go into effect until his widow died. **Josephine Susan Westfall** outlived her husband by almost 43 years. She was 23 on their wedding day in 1881. The groom was 61.

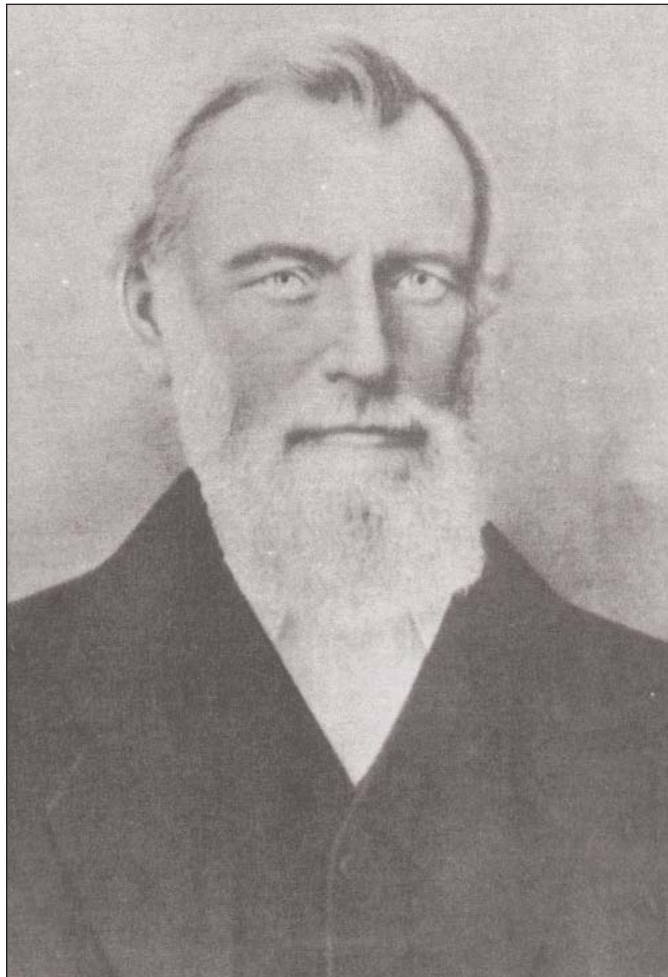
"The family thinks the only reason he got married at such a late age was that Josephine was living in his house while caring for him and keeping house," says Wanda Westfall, an Odessa resident whose late husband Louis was Westfall's great-nephew. You couldn't do that in those days without being married. "Or, it could have been a late, May-December romance."

Born in Indiana and raised in Illinois, Westfall left the Land of Lincoln in 1843, intending to join a wagon train to the Oregon Territory. Instead, the adventure-seeker drifted into Texas and wound up in San Antonio.

After serving in the Mexican War, according to the Handbook of Texas, Westfall built a cabin on the Leona River, where he is believed to have been the first settler in what is now Zavala County. For the next 29 years, he intermittently ranched while working as a guide for settlers, soldiers and the Texas Rangers. After returning to his cabin in 1855, Westfall was severely injured during an Indian attack. His dog, George Washington, was killed by an Indian lance while defending his master.

Westfall moved to southern Bexar County in 1874, where he settled on some land about 16 miles from San

Antonio. He had little formal education but kept a series of journals—now in the library's Texana collection—that show he loved to read and write. Even as his health declined in old age, Westfall's neighbors often saw him walking into Elmendorf for newspapers.



*Photo courtesy of Institute of Texan Cultures*

Westfall and his wife had no children. When it came time to write his will, he apparently decided to share his love of books with others.

Besides creating a new library after his wife's death—or contributing to one if a library had already been built—Westfall's will also contained an unusual provision for a white man of his era: it mandated a reading room in the library for Blacks.

Ironically, Westfall's boss and friend in the Texas Rangers, the legendary William "Bigfoot" Wallace, often

worked with his men before the Civil War to capture runaway slaves and return them to their owners.

"I don't know that Edward was in on that," **Wanda Westfall** says, "He was far-thinking for a man of that time."

African Americans in San Antonio, barred from using the Carnegie Library because of segregation, didn't get library access until the city built the Carver Branch on the mostly Black East Side in 1925.

The library received the deeds to Westfall's property after the death of his widow in 1940. According to family members, she had lived almost solely on her husband's army pension to keep the legacy intact. For the next two decades, proceeds from farming and oil leases on the Westfall property provided funds for library book purchases. That income, however, had declined by the 1960s.

The library subsequently sold the land—1,027 acres in seven parcels—and applied the \$75,663 it received toward the construction of the Westfall Branch Library, its first major branch on the city's North Side. It opened in 1963, more than 65 years after Westfall's death but less than a decade after civil rights victories had forced open all of the city's libraries to people of all races.

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Also see: **Unsung Heroes of Texas: Stories of courage and honor from Texas history and legend** by **Ann Ruff**, published by Lone Star Books, a Division of Gulf Publishing Company of Houston. The editor thanks **Bettie Ward** for providing the information above as the newsletter was about to go to press and needed an interesting and timely feature.

concurrent sessions. The first two sessions will start at 9:30 a.m., and the second two sessions will start at 10:30 a.m.

TLA District 10 is made up of librarians from academic, public, school, and special libraries. Their fall meeting traditionally includes librarians from all those areas, plus people who are involved in the San Antonio Public Library's Friends organization. This year the LiFTART (Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table) was asked to organize a session on "How to Organize and Manage a Friends of the Library Organization." **Barbara Isner**, President of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and also LiFTA Chair-Elect, will moderate a panel discussion with panelists **Mary McAfee**, **Lee LaCaff**, and **Peggy Kruckemeyer**.

**Mary McAfee** has vast experience with Friends' groups, not only in San Antonio, but also at the state and national levels. She is currently active in both Friends of the Library USA (FOLUSA) and the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas (FLAT).

- ♦ **Lee LaCaff** serves on the executive board of Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) as immediate Past President and is also active in TLA and LiFTA.
- ♦ **Peggy Kruckemeyer** is traveling from Spring (near Houston) to participate on the panel. She will tell us how the Barbara Bush Library Friends worked with the county throughout the process of establishing a new library—from first getting a bond issue passed, to helping plan the building and raise money, through the ground breaking and dedication of the library ([www.bbushlibraryfriends.org](http://www.bbushlibraryfriends.org))

You don't have to be a TLA member to attend and contribute/benefit from the sessions at this meeting. The registration cost is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast, your choice of two morning programs, and lunch. For registration information, contact **John Powell** at Thousand Oaks Library (657-5205, [jpowell2@sanantonio.gov](mailto:jpowell2@sanantonio.gov)) or at home (647-1474, [powell\\_j@yahoo.com](mailto:powell_j@yahoo.com)). You can also check the District 10 web site (<http://www.tsla.org/html/dist/distmtg.html>); information is not yet posted, but will be available in the next couple of weeks.

The Friends presentation will be at 9:30 a.m. Please come!

*Cathy Dean*

## TLA District 10 Officers for 2003-2004

Chair	<b>Ralph Domas</b>	San Antonio College
Chair-Elect	<b>Necia Wolff</b>	St. Mary's University, Blume Library
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TLA Liaison		
Past Chair	<b>Colene Hoermann</b>	Retired



Cathy Dean, The Friends Representative for the Library Foundation, and Beth Graham, Public Relations Officer of SAPL, at the Party in the Park at Rosedale Park.

you to visit the Central Library Gallery at the same time to see an exhibit of book illustrations and illustrated books for children and young people by regional and local artists and writers. This exhibit is the last in the San Antonio Library Foundation's series of Centennial Exhibits in the Central Library Gallery and opens on November 14, the night before the Writers' Fair.

*Barbara Stanush, President*

*by John Igo*

- ♦ A first edition of **Zelda Fitzgerald's** novel, **Save Me the Waltz** is much more expensive than anything by her husband.
- ♦ **Valentino** wrote a book of poems.
- ♦ The most scandalous book of the 1920's was **James Branch Cabell's Jurgen**, the author arraigned in court on a morals/obscenity charge. Does anybody read it now?
- ♦ **Queen Victoria** liked **Lewis Carroll's Alice** books and asked him to send her his next book. Weeks later, she received a package from him, containing **Co-ordination of Determininants**, fresh off the press.
- ♦ **Ernest Vincent Wright** wrote a 50,000-word novel without using the letter "e." The name? **Gadsby**, 1939.
- ♦ **Lynd Ward** did several **novels-in-woodcuts** (wordless) in the late 1920's and 30's. Original editions are extremely rare and expensive. Even the reprints, 50 years later, have become pricey.
- ♦ They wrote novels: **Sarah Bernhardt**, **Leonardo da Vinci**, **Napoleon**, **Orson Welles**, and **Lionel Barrymore**.



# Treasurer's Report

As of 8/15/2003

*Submitted by  
Aaron Konstam, Treasurer*

			Branch Groups		
Account	12/31/02 Balance	8/14/03 Balance	Account	12/31/02 Balance	8/14/03 Balance
Bank Accounts			Cash Accounts		
Guaranty MM	56,427.52	47,054.12	Brookhollow	10,700.48	11,402.61
Guaranty CD 1776364315	25,479.93	0.00	Carver	1,401.20	1,128.47
Guaranty CD 1776364323	25,479.93	0.00	Cody	4,189.58	6,109.30
Guaranty CD 4828	22,550.00	0.00	Johnston	443.00	449.00
Guaranty Checking	13,005.66	32,785.92	McCreless	1,640.62	2,712.62
MM-Life Members	0.00	24,322.46	Oakwell	12,965.08	12,056.13
MM-4644	0.00	51,905.18	Teens	37.89	49.89
TOTAL Bank Accounts	142,943.04	156,067.68	Texana-Geneology	15,442.05	12,501.35
Liability Accounts			Thousand Oaks	2,618.74	1,389.60
Branch Funds	-60,473.16	-56,377.72	Westfall	8,228.97	5,577.20
TOTAL Liability Accounts	-60,473.16	-56,377.72	Writers	2,805.55	3,001.55
OVERALL TOTAL	82,469.88	99,689.96	TOTAL Cash Accounts	60,473.16	56,377.72
			OVERALL TOTAL	60,473.16	56,377.72

Category Description 1/1/03-8/14/03

## INFLOWS

Uncategorized	0.00
Book Cellar	37,006.16
Donations	1,378.00
Interest Inc	1,285.45
Invest Inc	150.76
Membership	73.00
FOSAPL	5,137.00
TOTAL Membership	5,210.00
Poster Sales	1,190.00
FROM MM-Life Members	5.28
FROM Branch Funds	13,830.03

TOTAL INFLOWS 60,055.68

## OUTFLOWS

Accounting	2,000.00
Arts And Letters	102.00
Bank Charge	57.75
Bank Fees	5.00
Bulk Mail	750.00
Contribution	10,000.00
Income Tax	165.00
Mail Box	68.00
Misc	81.81
Newsletter	1,944.23
Office Suuplies	24.33
Parking	
manager	240.00
volunteers	2,135.50
TOTAL Parking	2,375.50
Payroll Taxes	1,027.60
Postage	259.92
President's expenses	75.00
Salary	4,012.52
Sales Tax	5,669.84
Social Security	275.40
Volunteer Appreciation	264.56
TO MM-Life Members	24,300.49
TO MM-4644	51,774.26
TO Branch Funds	17,925.47
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	123,158.68

OVERALL TOTAL -63,103.00

Category Description 1/1/03-8/14/03

## INFLOWS

Book Sale	
Brookhollow	2,636.55
Cody	2,297.80
McCreless	1,485.54
Oakwell	2,972.75
Thousand Oaks	917.31
Westfall	1,025.08
TOTAL Book Sale	11,335.03
Donation	997.00

Dues	
Brookhollow	69.00
Carver	46.00
Cody	139.00
Johnstaon	6.00
McCreless	124.00
Oakwell	126.00
Teens	12.00
Texana-Genology	465.00
Thousand Oaks	36.00
Westfall	176.00
Writers	196.00
TOTAL Dues	1,395.00

TOTAL INFLOWS 13,727.03

## OUTFLOWS

Expenses	
Brookhollow	2,143.42
Carver	1,851.52
Cody	517.08
McCreless	507.54
Oakwell	4,037.70
Texana-Geneology	4,212.70
Thousand Oaks	2,182.45
Westfall	2,370.06
TOTAL Expenses	17,822.47

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 17,822.47

OVERALL TOTAL -4,095.44

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## Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- ☐ In honor of      ☐ In memory of
- ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All donations are tax deductible.)

### Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### My Name and Address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

*Friends of the San Antonio Public Library*  
and mail to: Sheila Figueroa, Chair  
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)  
P.O. Box 831174  
San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174



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## FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Adult)      \$ 10  
\_\_\_\_ Dual (Adult)      \$ 20  
\_\_\_\_ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18)      \$ 5  
\_\_\_\_ Patron (Per Person)      \$ 50  
\_\_\_\_ Contributing (Per Person)      \$100  
\_\_\_\_ Life (Per Person)      \$250

\_\_\_\_ New Member  
\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Branch Group \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

\_\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

\_\_\_\_ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).**

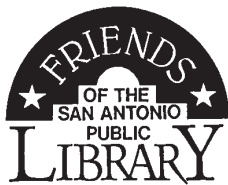
**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

*and mail to:*

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*San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174*

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.*

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| September 13  | Westfall Teen Friends Car Wash-Call the branch for the exact times.                                  |
| September 17  | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Westfall, 7:00 PM  |
| September 20  | Cody Used Book Sale, 9:00-3:00   |
| October 19-26 | Westfall Teen Friends' POETRY SLAM, to celebrate "Teen Read Week," Exact time and date TBA           |
| October 25    | District 10 Fall Meeting-Panel Discussion about Forming and Nurturing Friends Groups. Exact Time TBA |
| November 4    | CITY WIDE BOND ELECTION FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION/UPGRADES  |
| November 19   | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Central, 7:00 PM   |

Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
(210) 207-2534

Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
(210) 696-6396

Westfall Library  
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201  
(210) 344-2373

\*Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY IS OCTOBER 15, 2003

Please mail your copy or disk (PC or Mac) formatted in Word to **Marti Nodine**, 10935 Whisper Valley, City 78230. Call at home (210) 492-2846. Email [martisatex@aol.com](mailto:martisatex@aol.com). Fax copy to 492-1604. Thanks for your continuing cooperation.—Marti